

'Saucer' Study Group Reports

Radar Tracks 4 Objects Flying at 3,600 M. P. H.

WASHINGTON, July 11 (AP).—A government radar set tracked four unidentified flying objects traveling up to 3,600 miles an hour over California this spring, a private research organization said today.

The incident was reported to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena by Civil Aeronautics Administration control tower operators in the Los Angeles area. N. I. C. A. P. disclosed its report in the first issue of its monthly magazine.

The magazine said the controllers reported that the first

object appeared on the tower radarscope at 11:50 p. m. March 23. In the next few minutes, three more objects were tracked at estimated speeds close to 3,600 m. p. h.

N. I. C. A. P., an organization formed several months ago to investigate "flying saucer" reports, said it would continue to publish similar material in subsequent issues. At the same time, the magazine offered to co-operate with the Air Force in checking and evaluating "saucer" incidents, as well as exposing deliberate frauds and "crackpot" reports such as alleged contact with creatures in space craft.

It added, however, that all claims of "contacts" should at least be investigated and evaluated.

The N. I. C. A. P. magazine said a co-operative program with the Air Force would "bring investigations up to date and label facts, speculations, and erroneous statements as such. And it will also allow many scientists and technically trained persons to take the problem seriously whereas many of them now feel ridiculous in doing so."

"In addition, it will cause many a competent observer to report unidentified flying objects to the Air Force instead of withholding detailed descriptions through fear of ridicule."

New Members

In emphasizing its claim to being a serious investigating body, N. I. C. A. P. announced it has added the following members to its board of governors:

Vice-Adm. R. H. Hillenkoetter, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Maj. Dewey Fournet, former flying objects investigator in the Air Force.

Lt. Gen. P. A. Del Valle, retired Marine officer who led the World War II assault on Okinawa.

J. B. Hartranft Jr., president, 65,000-member Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Dr. Marcus Bach, professor of religion, Iowa State University, Chicago in 1953. Finally, desperate and compelled to look even harder for him; they left